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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 22, first paragraph, please replace with the following:

Figs. 12(a)-12(d) are graphs showing relationships between elasticity maintenance percentage and displacement amount with respect to each kind of elastic body.

Page 22, tenth paragraph, please replace with the following:

Figs. 21(a)-21(c) are top views showing an embodiment of a bus bar in an assembly of lithium battery cells which comprises a plurality of lithium secondary cells and a plurality of bus bars of the present invention.

REMARKS

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment in which the specification has been amended to correct minor informalities. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(iii), a marked-up version showing the amendments thereto is attached. No new matter has been added. Applicants believe the case is now in condition for examination.

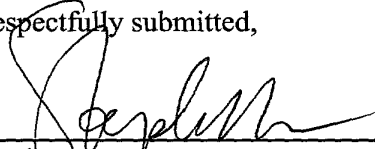
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Respectfully submitted,

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